

are professionally qualified for appointment as a military chaplain. Additionally, it will provide information used in determining eligibility for promotion of appointees to the military chaplain services.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion and Triennially.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: November 15, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Department of the Army

Army Science Board Notice of Closed Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Army Science Board (ASB).

DATE OF MEETING: 25 & 26 November 1996.

TIME OF MEETING: 0900-1600 (both days).

PLACE: Pentagon—Washington, DC.

AGENDA: The Army Science Board (ASB) Ad Hoc Study on "The Impact of Information Warfare on Army Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) Systems" will have a two day report writing session. These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (4) thereof, and Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2, subsection 10(d). The proprietary matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined so as to preclude opening any portion of these meetings. For further information,

please contact Michelle Diaz at (703) 695-0781.

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Program Support Specialist, Army Science Board.

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Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of the Department of Navy Final Environmental Impact Statement for a Container System for the Management of Naval Spent Nuclear Fuel

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (Navy) is giving notice of the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Container System for the Management of Naval Spent Nuclear Fuel.

The Final EIS was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA); Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA, 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508; and Chief of Naval Operations Environmental and Natural Resources Program Manual, OPNAV Instruction 5090.1B. The Final EIS addresses the need, alternatives, and environmental impacts of manufacturing containers; loading containers, and handling and storage of naval spent nuclear fuel at the Department of Energy's Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL); transportation of naval spent nuclear fuel loaded containers to a notional repository or a centralized interim storage site; and the storage, handling, and transportation of certain radioactive waste associated with naval spent nuclear fuel management. The Department of Energy is participating as a cooperating agency and adopted this Final EIS (DOE/EIS-0251) on October 9, 1996.

Upon completion of general distribution of the document, DOE will file the Final EIS with the Environmental Protection Agency, which will then publish this Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. The Final EIS will also be available to the public in DOE reading rooms and designated information locations which are identified in the Availability of Copies section of this notice. The Navy plans to issue a Record of Decision on the Final EIS by December 31, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Final EIS and for further information on the Final EIS should be directed to: Mr. William Knoll of the Naval Propulsion Program of the Department of the Navy, Code NAVSEA 08U, 2531 Jefferson

Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22242-5160, Telephone: 703-602-8229. Copies of the Final EIS may be obtained by following instructions given below in the **AVAILABILITY OF COPIES** section.

Background

The Navy issued a Draft EIS for public comment and published a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register on May 14, 1996 (61 CFR 24293).

Thereafter, the Navy held six public hearings in three locations in the States of Idaho and Utah, in order to obtain public comments on the Draft EIS. The comment period was originally scheduled for 45 days, but a 15-day extension was granted based on a request from the State of Nevada. Public comments were received by mail, telephone, and facsimile. Comments on the DEIS were received from a broad spectrum of private citizens, local, state, and federal officials. Native American Tribes and public interest groups also provided comments. Comments are reprinted in the Final EIS in Chapter 11, which is new in its entirety. The response to each comment is provided following the text of the comment.

Public comments on the Draft EIS were assessed and considered both individually and collectively by the Navy and DOE. Some comments resulted in modifications to the EIS. Changes to the EIS are annotated by sidebars in the margins. For other comments, the Navy explained why a change to the EIS was not warranted. Most responses to such comments communicated government policy, indicated that the comment was beyond the scope of the EIS, explained the relationship of this EIS to other related NEPA documents, referred commenters to information in the EIS, answered technical questions, or further explained technical issues.

The Final EIS, like the Draft EIS, addresses the potential environmental impacts associated with the need and alternatives for selecting a container system for the management of naval spent nuclear fuel on a national level. The Final EIS also addresses potential environmental impacts related to manufacturing containers; loading containers, handling and storage of naval spent nuclear fuel at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL); transportation of naval spent nuclear fuel to a notional repository or centralized interim storage site; and the storage, handling, and transportation of low-level radioactive waste, referred to as special case waste, associated with naval spent nuclear fuel management.

The six container system alternatives considered are: